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This collection reports on the Gerontology in Theological Education (GITE) project developed at the Gerontology Center of Georgia State University, which was designed to introduce curriculum on aging into theological education. It focuses on the experiences of the Gerontology Center and three seminaries involved in the project: Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Columbia Theological Seminary, and the Interdenominational Theological Seminary, all in Atlanta, Georgia. Part 1 discusses the integration of gerontology education into seminary curriculum in general and at the 3 seminaries in particular. Part 2 contains nine essays on gerontological and theological disciplines and practices, adapted from presentations given at the Gerontology Center. They include: (1) "Aging and a Meaningful Future" (Theodore H. Ryan); (2) "A Historical Perspective on the Church and the Elderly" (Catherine Gunsalus Gonzalez); (3) "Gerontology and the New Testament" (Lindsey P. Pherigo); (4) "Pastoral Care and Models of Aging" (Charles V. Gerkin); (5) "Christian Education and Older Persons in Congregations" (Edward A. Trimmer and Betsy Styles); (6) "Worship and Gerontology" (Melva Wilson Costen); (7) "Spirituality in the Later Years" (Ben C. Johnson); (8) "Gerontology in Urban and Rural Congregations and Communities" (George B. Thomas); and (9) "Preaching and Aging" (Fred B. Craddock). Individual papers contain references. (MDM)

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